BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-253-S - ORDER NO. 97-522

IN RE: Carroll Robinson,

ORDER

Complainant,

vs.

Mid-South Utilities, Inc.,

Respondent.

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the complaint of Mr. Carroll Robinson. When Mr. Robinson constructed his house in Tara Plantation in York County, he was told that water and sewer service would be available by Mid-South Utilities, Inc. (Mid-South or the Company). Although Mr. Robinson received his water service, Mid-South has refused to provide him sewer service, due to a contract with the now-bankrupt Bob McLemore Land Company that excluded his lot for sewer service. Mid-South claims that it would provide sewer service, but for this agreement. However, the bankruptcy trustee for Bob McLemore Land Company states that it has no interest in enforcing this agreement. We therefore order Mid-South to extend its sewer utility service line to Mr. Robinson's property by June 27, 1997. The Commission's police

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powers must take precedent over matters of contract. <u>See Anchor</u>

<u>Point v. Shoals Sewer Company and the Public Service Commission of South Carolina</u>, 408 S.C. 422, 418 S.E.2d 546 (1992).

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

(SEAL)